

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending. An Office Action mailed September 28, 2005 objected to the claims due to a numbering issue and rejected Claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102. By way of this Amendment, Applicant hereby amends Claims 1 and 7, cancels 2-5 and 8-11, and adds new Claims 12-13. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.111, Applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

CLAIMS OBJECTIONS

The Office Action objected to the claims because of misnumbering and has renumbered Claims 6-10 as Claims 7-11.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-11 as being anticipated by Caronni et al. (hereinafter "Caronni"). With regard to amended independent Claim 1, Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant submits that Caronni discloses a multicast system that communicates between sending and receiving entities 100 and 101 over a network. In Caronni, the participant key manager 109 of the participant 101 establishes a private and authenticated connection with the admission control component 110 of the sender 100. If successful, the participant key manager 109 receives a unique ID and receives key encryption keys and a traffic encryption key that are assigned by a group key management component 108 of the sender. Caronni fails to teach or suggest that a local address is attached to the multicast broadcast at the first computer system, the generated multicast broadcast with the local address is sent to a router local to the first computer system, the local address is removed, and a network multicast address is attached to the encrypted multicast broadcast before it is sent to a router associated with the user system.

Therefore, Applicant submits that independent Claims 1 and 7 are allowable over the cited reference.

Because Claims 6, 12 and 13 depend from allowable independent claims, they are allowable for the same reasons that make their independent claims allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims of the pending application are now in condition for allowance over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections, allowance, and early passage through issuance. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's agent listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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